(b) how many of them received the gratuity payment, company-wise; and

(c) how many of them have since not received the gratuity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) 8,524 and 9,292 workers were superannuated in Coal producing companies of Coal India Limited, in 1996 and 1997 respectively.

(b) and (c) Company-wise details of number of workers who have got gruauity payment and those who have not been paid gratuity are as under:—

| Company | No. of workers received grauity payment | Number of workers have not received gratuity payment |
|---|---|---|
| Eastern Coalfields Ltd. | 5,767 | 525 |
| Bharat Cooking Coal Ltd. | 5,610 | 235 |
| Central Coalfields Ltd. | 2,472 | 79 |
| Western Coalfields Ltd. | 742 | 77 |
| South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. | 1,550 | 105 |
| Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. | 381 | 18 |
| Northern Coalfields Ltd. | 89 | 25 |
| North Eastern Coalfields Ltd. | 141 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 16,752 | 1,064 |

**Projects of subsidiaries of CIL**

4283. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any foreign collaboration on project of subsidiaries of Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the name of the project with amount involved alongwith the name of foreign collaborator;

(c) whether there is any agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the on going projects with amount involved alongwith the name of foreign collaborators are as under:—

| | Name of the Project | Amount Involved | Name of Foreign Collaborator |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Balrampur | US $ 6.181 million | China National Coal Mining Equipment Group Import Export Corporation, China |
| 2. | Rajendra | US $ 7.113 million | |
| 3. | New Kunda | US $ 6.181 million | |
| 4. | Refurbishment of Churcha West Powered Support Longwall Equipment | Pound Sterling 5.525 million | Department for International Development (DFID), U.K. |
| 5. | Supply of 4 Hydraulic Shovels for Kalinga and Lakhanpur Projects. | FR. Francs 17.678 Million | Liebherr, France |

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The salient features of bilateral agreements signed in respect of the five projects as mentioned in part (b) above are given below:

Three agreements relating to the supply of equipment, initial set of spares, installation and operating of the equipment with performance guarantee for a period of 150 working days had been signed between South Eastern Coalfields Limited and M/s Coal Mining Equipment Import & Export Corporation, China. The agreement pertaining to the refurbishment of Churcha West Powered Support Longwall equipment has not come into force hence no detail is furnished. An agreement was also entered into with Republic of France for procurement of hydraulic shovels.

**Age disputes in BCCL**

4284. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of age dispute pending at the headquarters of BCCL as on 31st March, 1998 indicating the facts in detail giving the names and the period for which they are pending;

(b) whether BCCL adheres to the "Implementation Instruction No, 76" in resolving Age Disputes by sending cases of "Glaring Differences" and discrepancies in the records to the Age Determination Committee; and

(c) if so, the number of such cases resolved in the last one year giving the names and the facts in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) There are 19 cases of age disputes pending in BCCL Headquarters as on 31.3.1998 ranging between 6 months to 18 months. Details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 903 cases resolved in the last one year. The information called for with regard to names of cases resolved in last one year is voluminous and it would not be commensurate with the efforts made to collect it.

**Statement**

*Pending cases of Age Disputes in BCCL Hqrs.*

| Sl. No. | Pers. No. | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 00600775 | Kheman Mondal |
| 2. | 02438745 | Ram Brich Ahir |
| 3. | 00208611 | Ram Dular Kumhar |
| 4. | 02151264 | Lakhan Bhuia |
| 5. | 00239822 | Inua Mia |
| 6. | 02168490 | Mahabir Singh |
| 7. | 02446664 | Patia Bouri |
| 8. | 02240992 | Madhusudan Bhuia |
| 9. | 02307395 | Triveni Dusadh |
| 10. | 02233088 | Pudina Kamin |
| 11. | 02463271 | Sheo Nath Dusadh |
| 12. | 01250810 | Pankaj Kr. Verma |
| 13. | 01201433 | Rameshwar Ramani |
| 14. | 01209550 | Ramachar Singh |
| 15. | 01010735 | Muneeshwar Mistry |
| 16. | 02771046 | Ram Bhajan Dusadh |
| 17. | 02099075 | Dand Pani Nayak |
| 18. | 00104750 | Trinath Sethi 3 |
| 19. | 02087997 | Arjun Roy |

**Coal Reserve in the Country**

4285. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated reserve of coal in the country;

(b) whether the demand of coal continues to out strip the supply and availability gap widens and if so, the details thereof including imports required; and

(c) the proposed policy overhaul to attract investment and expertise in coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) As per assessment of Geological Survey of India (GSI), the coal reserves in the country as on 01.01.1998 upto a depth of 1200 metres are over 206 billion tonnes.